

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined ("____") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

1. – 41. (Cancelled).

42. (New) A handle forming part of a hand held engine power tool, the handle comprising:
a first handle section and a second handle section;
the first handle section having a supporting section with a first surface and a second
surface, a space being defined between the first surface and the second surface, the first
surface having a first hole formed therethrough, the second surface having a second hole
formed therethrough;
a control component operative to control power of the tool, the control component
having a mounting hole formed therethrough; and
a locking pin sized and shaped to be inserted through the first hole, the mounting hole
and the second hole and to be retained by the supporting section such that the control
component spans the space and is pivotally supported by the supporting section of the first
handle section.

43. (New) The handle of claim 42, further comprising a leak proof joint attaching the first
handle section and the second handle section such that a fuel tank is formed between the first
handle section and the second handle section.

44. (New) The handle of claim 42, wherein the control component is a lever operative to control the power of the engine.
45. (New) The handle of claim 44, further comprising a safety button, mounted to the first handle section, operative to prevent an operator from increasing the power of the engine if the safety button is not actuated.
46. (New) The handle of claim 45, wherein:
- the safety button has a keyhole-shaped opening;
 - the first handle section has a pin extending in a transverse direction relative to a longitudinal axis of the safety button; and
 - the keyhole-shaped opening is operative to engage about the pin and secure the safety button to the pin such that the safety button pivots about the pin.
47. (New) The handle of claim 46, wherein the second handle section has a protruding circle-shaped edge positioned to receive a distal end of the pin and support the pin responsive to loading of the safety button.
48. (New) The handle of claim 42, wherein the control component is a safety button operative to prevent an operator from increasing the power of the engine if the safety button is not actuated.
49. (New) The handle of claim 48, further comprising a lever, mounted to the first handle section, operative to control the power of the engine.

50. (New) The handle of claim 49, wherein:

the lever has a keyhole-shaped opening;

the first handle section has a pin extending in a transverse direction relative to a longitudinal axis of the lever; and

the keyhole-shaped opening is operative to engage about the pin and secure the lever to the pin such that the lever pivots about the pin.

51. (New) The handle of claim 50, wherein the second handle section has a protruding circle-shaped edge positioned to receive a distal end of the pin and support the pin responsive to loading of the lever.

52. (New) The handle of claim 42, wherein the space forms a portion of a pocket, the pocket being defined at least in part by the first surface and the second surface.